

IN WESLEY'S NAME.

The Greatest Gathering of Methodists Ever Witnessed

WILL BEGIN ITS SESSION TO-DAY

At the National Capital--The Great Ecumenical Conference, Which is Composed of all the Branches in the World--Outline of the Work to be Done--Elaborate Preparations for the Two Weeks' Meeting--A Significant Feature.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 6.--In the name of John Wesley and of the great cause of which he was the father, will be gathered in Washington to-morrow the most distinguished body of Methodists that has ever come together on the American continent. Men in the foremost ranks of religious, political, professional and business life will be here from every quarter of the globe to do honor, in the great Ecumenical Conference, to the founder of Methodism, to discuss the sect's wonderful progress, and to consider how its interests may be advanced. There will be bishops, college and university presidents, editors, great pulpit orators, governors, senators, congressmen, members of Parliament, judges and noted lawyers, physicians, scientists and business men to the number of 500. They will represent every branch of Methodism save one, the Evangelical Association.

The delegates are divided into two divisions or sections, the larger, numbering 300 delegates, representing the western section, or the American hemisphere, and the other, having 200 delegates, represents all the Methodist societies of the eastern hemisphere. The total number of delegates is small, considering the vast constituency they represent, but it is necessarily so, for if the membership of the Methodist church was represented in anything like the proportion that is usual in delegated conventions or conferences there would be no building in Washington, to say nothing of the Metropolitan church, where they will assemble, that would hold the delegates. It is estimated that the actual membership of Methodist churches throughout the world approaches six millions. This represents a population of nearly twenty-five millions of people with Methodist tendencies.

AMERICAN METHODISM.

The wonderful progress in America is due more than anything else to the social conditions that exist here, these being peculiarly adapted to the growth of such a system of religion as Methodism. Then again when Methodism was born this country was new, and Wesley himself looked toward it as the land where the new doctrines of salvation by faith, Christian perfection and a personal religion would find its fullest development. This feeling was confirmed by his missionary visit here in 1735, when he spent nearly three years working among the Indians in the colony of Georgia. While Methodist doctrines have spread to a wonderful degree in England and through the East generally, they have had to contend with great prejudices and the opposition of State churches. These causes have prevented the church in the East from reaching its fullest development, it being estimated that British Methodism has not more than one-fifth of the total membership of the whole. Notwithstanding this its representation at the conference is to be in the ratio of two-fifths of the whole.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.

The apportionment of delegates was made by a joint committee, which met in Philadelphia last November. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss presiding. The representation of the American churches was fixed as follows: Methodist Episcopal Church, 124; Methodist Episcopal Church South, 57; African Methodist Episcopal Church, 18; Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 15; Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, 9; Evangelical Association, 9; Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, 3; Union American Protestant Church, 3; Methodist Protestant Church, 9; American Wesleyan Church, 6; Free Methodist Church, 3; Independent Methodist Church, 3; Congregational Methodist Church, 3; Methodist Church of Canada, 24; United Brethren, 9; Primitive Methodist Church in the United States and Canada, 3; Bible Christian Church, 3; British Methodist Episcopal Church, three.

The representation of the English churches will be as follows: Wesleyan Methodist church, 75; Irish Methodist church, 12; Methodist New Connection, 12; Primitive Methodist church, 30; Bible Christian church, 11; United Methodist Free church, 21; French Methodist church, 2; Australian Methodist church, 9; Independent Methodist church, 2; Wesleyan Reform Union, 4; South African Methodist church, 1; West Indian Methodist church, 2.

For the entertainment of the foreign visitors the American Methodists have raised \$15,000, the greater part of which will be expended in the payment of hotel bills.

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.

The conference will be formally opened on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, of which Rev. Dr. G. H. Corey is pastor. It will continue for two weeks. It is a handsome brownstone edifice at D and Four and a Half street northwest, and has numbered among its trustees ex-President Grant and Chief Justice Chase. Gen. John A. Logan was for a long time one of its members, and Mrs. Logan will attend the conference sessions and assist in the various entertainments that will be provided for the visitors. The social features of the conference will be marked. The most elaborate of these is to be the reception at the opening of the conference, which will be given by ex-Mayor and Mrs. Matthew G. Emery at their handsome residence on I street, which is being planned on a scale of elegance seldom seen even in Washington. Mrs. Logan will assist Mrs. Emery in receiving the guests. It will take place on Wednesday evening. When the first ecumenical conference was held in London ten years ago, the delegates were entertained by Lord Mayor McArthur. On the following Monday these will be a special reception at the White House, where the visitors from abroad will be treated to the sight of the President of sixty-five millions having his arm worked pump-handle fashion by nearly a thousand persons, and with true Democratic simplicity appearing to enjoy it.

THE MEMORIAL CHAIR. The presiding officer of the conference will sit in the memorial chair, which is supposed to have been given by Rev. Dr. Thomas Bowman Stephenson, president of the Wesleyan Methodist conference, although the donor's name has not been announced. It is massive in its proportions, taller and heavier than most men, and was built from an oak beam taken from the old City Road Chapel, London. Surmounting its back is the American eagle, with the United States shield against its breast. Beneath the eagle and the shield is the carved motto, "E Pluribus Unum," the letters being colored crimson. On each side of the eagle is a carved lion, one bearing the royal arms of England, the other supporting the heralric devices of Canada and the colonies. Immediately below the eagle is a finely carved medallion of John Wesley, and on the right and left of Methodism's founder is the quotation: "Unite the pale so long divided. Knowledge and vital piety."

The arms of Christ Church College, Oxford, is painted on an oval shield on one upward continuation of the chair arm, and opposite it is a blank shield, on which will be painted the arms of the American University, to which it is intended the chair shall go. The arm rests are of solid oak, carved to represent winged lions, above which are palms, emblematic of peace. On the front of the framing, just below the edge of the seat, is carved the year 1891. The chair and footstool, which accompanies it, are upholstered in garnet leather.

FOUR CHURCH DIVISIONS. For the convenience of organization the whole Methodist community is to be divided into four parts as follows: First, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South; second, other Methodist churches in the United States and Canada; third, the British Wesleyan Methodist Churches; fourth, other British Methodist Churches. Each session of the conference is to have a separate chairman, chosen by sections. The first session will have its chairman from the first section, the second session from the third section, the third session from the second section, and the fourth session from the fourth section, repeating the order throughout the conference.

SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED.

The afternoon of the first day, after the opening exercises of the morning, will be occupied with the business of organization and with addresses of welcome and responses. Bishop Hurst, Hon. J. H. Carlisle, and Rev. Dr. Douglass, of Montreal, will speak for the Western section, and Rev. Dr. Stephenson, of London, and others will reply. Two sessions will be held every day, and, as the programme has not yet been completed, it is expected that on a number of days three sessions will be held. Among the subjects to be discussed are "The Christian Church, Its Essential Unity and Genuine Catholicity," "Christian Unity," "Christian Cooperation," "The Church and Scientific Thought," "The Church and Her Agencies," "The Religious Press and the Religious Uses of the Secular Press," "The Place and Power of the Lay Agency of the Church," "The Deaconess Movement," "Religious Training and Culture of the Young," "Romanism," "The Church and Temperance Reform," "The Church in Her Relation to Labor and Capital," "The Moral Aspect of Labor Combinations and Strikes," "The Moral Aspect of Combinations of Capital," "Missions in Heathen Lands," "War and Peace," "International Arbitration," "The Church and Public Morality," "The Church of the Future."

ABSENCE OF WOMEN.

One of the significant features of the conference will be the absence of women among the delegates. It is believed that several were nominated, but the various bodies were called upon for three times as many nominees as could be appointed, the final selection being left to a special board composed of bishops and prominent laymen. The name of Miss Frances E. Willard, the famous Woman's Christian Temperance Union worker, was sent in by the Rock River Conference of Illinois, but her name was quietly laid aside. It is said that this was not done because of her sex, but neither she nor the women generally find much consolation in this. The absence of the women as delegates is regarded as especially significant, in view of the recent agitation of the by no means settled question of the advisability of admitting women to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, the strongest Methodist body in the world, and the one having the largest representation in the Ecumenical Conference.

Struck by a Train.

STAPLETON, S. I., Oct. 6.--Near the National meat market at Erastina, four persons, a man, a woman and two children, were struck by a westbound train on the Onaboy division of the Staten Island and Rapid Transit railroad at the crossing in Giffords this morning. The man and were instantly killed and their bodies were hurled a considerable distance from the track. The children were picked up in a dying condition and were carried to the nearest house.

Secretary Blaine Not Ill.

AUGUSTA, ME., Oct. 6.--The report that Secretary Blaine is again ill is unfounded. The family physician, Dr. G. W. Martin, says that Mr. Blaine is in better health than when he arrived from Bar Harbor. McCormick Blaine, Emmons' little son, has been dangerously ill, but is now better. This fact probably gave rise to the rumor of the Secretary's illness.

The Philadelphia Bank.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.--A Press special from Phillipsburg says: It is unofficially announced that the liabilities of the Phillipsburg bank, which closed its doors yesterday morning, are \$280,000 and the assets \$100,000. It is announced that a statement will shortly be made public.

THE GREAT MATCH

Between Direct and Hal Pointer Not Finished Yesterday.

DARKNESS OVERTAKES THEM

After the Second Heat, And the Inwardness of It Comes Out Later--Direct Wins the First Heat and Hal Pointer by Magnificent Work Wins the Second by a Nose--Graphic Description of the Contest--To-day Will Decide the Race.

THREE HAUTE, IND., Oct. 6.--Nature showed up a rare autumn day, a little too cool, however, for harness horses to be at their best. Early in the morning rumors were current that there was a hitch in the Direct-Hal Pointer match; that Monroe Salisbury, owner of the black stallion, would not start his horse and had not worked him out yesterday, having in view a race for to-day. The rumors found little credence with the people, and by 1 p. m. fully 12,000 people were on the grounds.

At 5 o'clock the two pacers scored up for the word, Pointer having the pole. After several scores the word was given with Direct at Pointer's saddle. The position was maintained to the quarter in 35 seconds, only went to the half in 1:09, and it was seen that Geers on Pointer had mapped his campaign to beat the black stallion in the home stretch and that such was Starr's satisfaction. As a double team they passed the three-quarters in 1:42, and then the drive began. The lash descended on the stallion and gamely he answered it, Pointer as ever was maintaining a slight lead, answering every stroke. The stallion held the heat safe, when within one hundred and fifty feet of the wire, Starr, with a terrific drive, brushed direct with a terrific burst of speed onto him, carrying him off his feet, and the heat was his, the last quarter having been done in 31 seconds; the last eighth in 13 seconds. Pools now sold, Direct \$50, Pointer \$40.

In the second heat Geers, knowing that he could not win the battle in the last quarter against the phenomenal speed burst held by Direct, changed his tactics and in scoring brought Direct down to the wire at a heart-breaking gait. The word was given to a splendid start and locked they went to the quarter in 34 seconds, Pointer making Direct attend strictly to business; to the half in 1:07, and the fight began. With every nerve drawn to its utmost tension the game horses fought it out. Down the third quarter their pace was quickened to a killing pace and victory could only be to the one that could live through. In thirty-two seconds they were to the third quarter. The lash then began to fall upon the stallion, and the two drivers using every endeavor and art known to the profession urged on the flying steeds. Slowly but surely Hal Pointer closed up on the stallion. At the distance stand he is at his neck, half way home he is even, and so they remain to within fifty feet of the wire when Geers rallies Pointer and he goes under the wire winner by a nose.

Darkness coming on the race goes over to to-morrow, when the track will be to on edge and some sensational times are certain. This evening the inwardness of Mr. Salisbury's action comes to light. Direct was short of work for a bruising race. By delaying the race could not be completed to-day and the two heats would serve to put Direct in shape for to-morrow.

Pillico Races.

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 6.--The opening day of the autumn meeting of the Pillico Driving Club brought a big crowd to the historic track.

First race--2:40 class, purse \$500; Bessie Burton won, time, 2:30.

Second race--2:20 class; Tom Arden won, time, 2:20.

World's Record on a Safety Wheel Broken. SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Oct. 6.--H. C. Tyler, of Highlandville, Mass., broke the world's record of 33 3/6 seconds for the mile on a safety wheel this afternoon by making the distance in 33 1/5 seconds.

THE BLAINE DIVORCE.

Young Blaine Files His Answer--A Hard Fight for Possession of the Child.

ST. LOUIS, S. D., Oct. 6.--The answer in the famous divorce suit of Marie Nevins Blaine vs. James G. Blaine, Jr., was served upon Mrs. Blaine to-day. She asks for a decree of divorce and custody of the child and for suitable alimony. Mr. Blaine in his reply denies that he deserted his wife, but claims that she deserted him. He pleads poverty and argues that he has an income of but \$2,000 a year, which will cease the first of December next. He makes a plea for the custody of the child. There will probably be a hard fight for the child, who resembles his grandfather.

THE MINE WORKERS.

The Executive Board Decides to Organize Certain Districts.

COLEBURN, O., Oct. 6.--The National Executive Board of the Mine Workers of America has concluded its work in this city and in an official statement particular attention is given to disorganized districts and the demoralized condition of the miners in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Clay county, Indiana, Illinois, and large portions of various other States, the inability to maintain prices. The board suggests the organized miners should refrain from calling for the services of the national officers where it can possibly be avoided, so all available organizing forces can be sent into disorganized districts.

V. M. N. U.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 6.--The seventeenth annual convention of the Young Men's National Union convened here this morning. Three hundred and fifty delegates are present from all parts of the country.

Vessel Blown to Atoms.

LONDON, Oct. 6.--Off Newburg, Scotland, to-day a vessel was seen to be on fire. An explosion resulted and vessel and crew were blown to atoms, it is believed.

THE CASE OF DR. BRIGGS.

He will be Tried November 4--It May Not be Public.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.--The New York Presbytery, which set all day yesterday discussing the case of Dr. Briggs, who is charged with heresy, resumed its work at 11 o'clock this morning. After some routine work had been disposed of, the Rev. A. Schilland, of the committee appointed to answer Dr. Briggs' protest of May 11, arose to read his report. Dr. Briggs interrupted him by asking in a spirit of fair play that his protest first be read, because many who were now present never heard it. By general consent the protest was read by the secretary. In it Dr. Briggs protested against the appointment of a committee to prosecute him for various reasons, among them that he was not given sufficient time to answer the charges against him, and that advantage was taken of his absence in Europe.

Dr. Schilland then read the answer. It urges that no charges had been presented when the protest was made and no thought of a protest was necessarily maintained. It was a committee of inquiry only, to consider the inaugural address in its reference to the confession of faith, which is the subject of general criticism and widespread dissent, and of whose apparent teaching a number of Presbyterians had already entered a most emphatic protest, and adverse judgment. This committee had to deal with Dr. Briggs, not personally, but with the contents of the address publicly and officially made by him. If this address was misrepresented or misunderstood it was surely great injustice to Dr. Briggs, but he wrote to the committee that even if he was in better health he would not attend. Dr. Briggs certainly gave assent to the correctness of the address, as published, although he protested that "it would seem that your committee was appointed to consider my inaugural address and not to consider any explanation of it I might desire to make."

For this, and other reasons, the committee decided that the action of the Presbytery was entirely proper and according to the usage of the denomination. Dr. Birch, chairman of the prosecuting committee, announced that he was about to serve Dr. Briggs with a copy of the indictment and by arrangement with the accused, the trial had been set down for Wednesday, November 4, at 10 o'clock, in the Scotch church. The trial will be in the church proper and not in the lecture room. It will not be public in all probability, though the manner of conducting the trial is yet to be decided by a committee consisting of moderators, his clerks and the pastor of the Scotch church.

The committee on revision of the confession of faith was appointed to report at the November meeting: Ministers Van Dyke, Spinning, Marling, Kerr, Rosister, Forbes and Chapin. Elders T. G. Strong, M. W. Dodd and E. W. Dodge.

Another Wife Murdered.

MORRIS, ILL., Oct. 6.--Word has been received from Mason, a small town about ten miles from here, stating that W. L. Barkett shot and killed his wife at the home of her mother. Barkett is employed in an electrical concern in Chicago. His wife came to visit her mother about a week ago and Barkett came down from Chicago yesterday. He went immediately to his wife and shot her twice, killing her instantly. He then attempted to kill himself by firing two shots into his own body, but failed, and after having set fire to the house he walked to a pond near by and tried to drown himself, but did not succeed. The cause of the deed is not known, but it is said that his wife deserted him about a month ago.

Daughters of the Revolution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 6.--In response to Mrs. Harrison's call for a meeting of the regents of the Society of Daughters of the Revolution nearly all the States were represented at the gathering to-night. Mrs. Harrison, who came from New England especially for the meeting, presided. Mrs. Cabell, the vice-president, entertained the society at her residence.

Killed His Wife and Himself.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Oct. 6.--Richard Von Olinda, a blacksmith, murdered his wife yesterday and then killed himself. His wife had left him on account of cruel treatment. He met her and asked her to drop the proceedings for divorce and live with him again. She refused and he shot her twice, killing her instantly. He then fired two shots at himself and died in a short time.

Found Murdered.

REPUBLIC, MICH., Oct. 6.--Nels Lundstrum, a lumberman, was found shot through the back and dead upon the railroad track yesterday. Robbery was evidently not the motive of the crime as a considerable amount of money was untouched on the body.

Killed in an Elevator.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 6.--At 6 o'clock this evening the Rev. Samuel Benedict, for many years the beloved rector of St. Paul Protestant Episcopal church of this city, was killed in an elevator. He was sixty-nine years old.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Hermann Oelrich, New York's member of the National Democratic committee, has resigned, assigning as a reason that he cannot stomach the methods of Tammany, which controls the party in New York.

Governor Campbell, of Ohio, will bring a libel suit against the newspapers that published the story that he had lost a half million dollars in Wall street gambling.

At New Lisbon, O., William Canfield has confessed that he wrecked a train a few weeks ago and caused four deaths. His purpose was plunder.

George Kimes, convicted in Ohio, in 1890, of counterfeiting, has been pardoned by the President.

It is reported that Mr. Blaine will make three speeches in Massachusetts during the campaign.

The heir to the crown of Roumania has renounced the throne to marry Mile. Vaccaresco.

Congressman Lee, the son of Robert E. Lee, who was reported dangerously ill, is improving.

All hope of rescuing the entombed miners alive at Pottsville, Pa., has been given up.

THE GREAT DEBATE

Between Campbell and McKinley at Ada To-morrow.

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS

For What Will Be a Battle of the Giants--Campbell Gets the Opening and Closing--Arrangements Made for Full Press Reports of the Interesting Occasion--Both the Men Will Rest To-day in Order to be Fresh To-morrow.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 6.--There will be an armistice to-morrow between the contending powers of the Republican and Democratic forces in Ohio. The champions, Governor Campbell and Major McKinley, both rest in order to be better prepared for the grand contest in the joint debate at Ada, Ohio, on Thursday afternoon. Governor Campbell spoke in Hamilton, O., to-day. To-morrow he will be in Columbus in his office and will remain in Columbus until time to reach Ada on Thursday. Major McKinley spoke to-day at Batavia, near Cincinnati, and will go to Canton to-night, where he will prepare the outlines of his part of the debate. The debate begins at 1:30 p. m. Governor Campbell won the opening and closing address by a toss of a coin.

Though Ada is not a great city in size, its citizens have shown themselves unusually thoughtful with reference to the comfort and convenience of their visitors on that day. The publisher of their paper, the *Ada Record*, took pains some days ago to ascertain about how much matter would be offered for transmission by telegraph, and gave this information to the Western Union Company. The result is that the company will be able to handle 18,000 words an hour if necessary, and Mr. Agnew Welch, editor of the *Record*, invites all correspondents to call on him for any assistance needed in facilitating their work. Very full reports of the debate will be telegraphed to the morning papers.

A STEAMBOAT SUNK.

The Chickasaw Goes Down Below Memphis--May be a Total Wreck.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Oct. 6.--The steamer Chickasaw sunk a few miles below here this morning. She is likely to break in two and prove a total wreck. The Chickasaw was built eight years ago at Jeffersonville, Ind., at a cost of \$40,000. Last summer she received \$5,000 worth of repairs and was regarded as one of the best money-making boats on the river. She was the chief boat of the Memphis and Arkansas City packet line and plied the river also. The boat was insured for \$20,000. The owners of the Chickasaw are Capt. James H. Rees, Ed Postal, of this city, and Col. Sam Brown, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The cotton was fully insured in the boat's open policy.

TRUE CHARITY.

All Classes in Russia from the Czar Down Sacrificing Luxuries for the Sake of the Famine-Stricken Districts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 6.--The *Grashdanin* announces that the officers of the imperial guard have decided not to drink champagne at any of the regimental banquets and to contribute the money which would in the usual course of events have been so spent to the peasants of the famine stricken district of Russia.

All classes of citizens here, following the example of the Czar, who has decided that no court balls will be given during the coming season, and that the money usually spent for this purpose shall be devoted to the relief of the sufferers by the famine in this country, have resolved to abandon all entertainments during the winter, and contribute the money thus saved to the fund for alleviating the distress of the famishing people. Most of the public officials announce that they intend to devote a certain percentage of their salaries to the same purpose. Workmen have decided to give a proportion of their humble wages and even children will offer their little savings. Collections are to be taken up on every feast day in all the churches.

Wants Russia Exterminated.

BERLIN, Oct. 6.--Herr Bebel, a prominent member of the Socialist party, delivered a violent speech to-day, in which he declares that Russia should be trampled to the ground at all costs. Everybody should contribute to the victory of the German flag and drive Russia out of Europe. Russia, he declared, ought to be revolutionized both externally and internally in order to eliminate the perpetual menace of war. Herr Bebel also declared that Poland should be made an independent state.

Russian Merchants' Greed.

LONDON, Oct. 6.--The newspaper press of St. Petersburg denounces the conduct of the merchants and members of the nobility for seeking profit from their stores of corn while the poor peasants are starving. They make a strong appeal to the government to remove the edict prohibiting the export of rye and substitute therefor a heavy tax on the exportation of all cereals. Reports from the Baku district and elsewhere are to the effect that thousands of persons are dying of starvation.

Starving Russians.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 6.--The destitute peasantry in district of Skolnino are subsisting almost wholly upon bread made of stitchwort, and even that is beginning to fail.

In the Province of Samara in the eastern part of Russia the government relief for the starving people has been restricted to a pound and a half of bread daily to each person.

Steamship News.

LONDON, Oct. 6.--Sighted--Danin, Lahn and City of New York, from New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.--Arrived--Lord Gough.

ANTWERP, Oct. 6.--Arrived--Rhynland, from New York.

New York, Oct. 6.--Arrived--Friesland, from Antwerp.

TURKISH BRIGANDS

Continue Their Outrages--The Leader a Modern Claude Duval.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 6.--A band of brigands yesterday, in spite of the recent diplomatic action of Germany and France, and of the efforts of the Porte to suppress brigandage, made a desperate attempt to wreck and rob a passenger train. The latter was passing along a desolate portion of the Haidar-Pasci-amid railroad, when the engineer discovered that something was wrong along the rails ahead of his train. The train was brought to a standstill as soon as possible, and an examination of the line showed that the much dreaded brigands had torn up the rails and so damaged the road bed that had the train not been stopped in time an accident would have surely happened. The brigands, as soon as they saw that their plan had miscarried, instead of attacking the train, decamped. This is only one of similar outrages upon the part of Turkish brigands.

Mrs. Kuller and Eugene de Raymond, sub-managers of a vineyard company, were captured early in August last by the brigands of Chief Athanasias, and were released on payment of 5,000 Turkish pounds. Later in the same month several Italian railroad officials were carried off by Chief Mohadisin, and others were murdered. Here again a ransom of \$10,000 had to be paid for the release of the captured railroad officials. On June 1 last the same band, that of Athanasias, placed obstructions across the railroad track near Teheressdoi, derailed an express train and captured several German tourists. For their ransom 40,000 was paid.

Athanasias is pictured as being a brigand of the old school, an oriental Claude Duval practicing the tradition of robber courtesy and building up a huge fortune for himself at the expense of the Sultan's privy purse, for the demands of the ambassadors for compensation for brigand outrages have been complied with from that fund. The Oriental Railway Company, as the result of the recent brigandage outbreaks, has demanded special guarantees from the Porte if it is to carry on its traffic, all the more as it is suggested that the Indian mail should take that route.

DEATH OF ENTHUSIASM

For the World's Fair in France and Italy on Account of Our Tariff.

LONDON, Oct. 6.--The Paris correspondent of the *News* telegraphed that the replies to the government circular would indicate a dearth of enthusiasm among the people of France in the matter of sending exhibits to the World's Fair to be held in Chicago. Manufacturers generally, as expressed in their answers, regard the invitation of the United States, following as it does the adoption of the new American tariff, as a mere mockery. The chambers of commerce at Bordeaux, Lille and Roubaix report that not a single intending exhibitor has yet applied and those of Lyons, St. Etienne and Roanne report only one applicant each. About one hundred Parisian manufacturers and tradesmen have announced their intention to exhibit their goods at the fair. Italy has decided not to take any part in the exhibition.

THE KING IS DEAD.

Karl I of Wurtemberg Passes Away at Stuttgart.

STUTTGART, Oct. 6.--The King of Wurtemberg died at 7 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for some time past and yesterday his condition became so critical that the last rites of the church were administered to him. During the night his condition became worse and his physicians stated that he could live but a short time. Karl I King of Wurtemberg, was born March 6, 1825, and ascended the throne at the death of his father, King Wilhelm I, on June 25, 1864.

SUDDEN DEATH

Of the First Lord of the British Treasury, Hon. William Henry Smith.

LONDON, Oct. 6.--The Right Hon. William Henry Smith, first lord of the treasury, warden of the Cinque ports, and the government leader in the House of Commons, who has been ill for some time past, suddenly suffered a relapse this morning, and died this afternoon.

Possible Complications Ahead.

LONDON, Oct. 6.--The *Times*' Paris correspondent says that he learns that the government is only waiting for the assembling of the Chamber of Deputies to ascertain their feeling in regard to the matter before passing the negotiations, already far advanced, for a normal treaty of alliance with Russia. "According to this version of the situation, which I am unable to verify," says the correspondent, "it seems likely that the Chamber of Deputies will object to Russian stipulations which would too closely identify France and Russian interests."

Murdered for Revenge.

PARIS, TEX., Oct. 6.--Deputy Sheriff Caston and a bartender were found murdered in Ohio's saloon at Arthur City this morning, both men being shot in the back. Officers have gone to the scene with bloodhounds, and great excitement prevails. The cause of the double murder is not known, but it is generally believed to be revenge.

The Coroner Protests.

LONDON, Oct. 6.--The coroner writes to the *Times* of this morning protesting against the comments of the press in the matter of the Lydia Manton inquest, comments which an inquiry from their own reporters would prove to be unfounded. The court room he says was filled with reporters, as well as other members of the public.

Died from His Injuries.

MADRID, Oct. 6.--Mr. William Cotton, who was traveling in company with Mr. Seymour Lucas, the well known artist, was so severely hurt in the recent accident at Burgos that the amputation of one leg was found to be necessary. He has died from the effects of his injuries.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, showers; warmer Wednesday night; northerly winds.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

As furnished by C. SCHNEPP, druggist, Opera House corner:

7 a. m. 41; 8 a. m. 41; 9 a. m. 41; 10 a. m. 41; 11 a. m. 41; 12 m. 41; 1 p. m. 41; 2 p. m. 41; 3 p. m. 41; 4 p. m. 41; 5 p. m. 41; 6 p. m. 41; 7 p. m. 41; 8 p. m. 41; 9 p. m. 41; 10 p. m. 41; 11 p. m. 41; 12 m. 41.